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February 28, 2014

Jocelyn Boyd, Esq. Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Ms. Boyd:

AT&T South Carolina respectfully submits this letter to: (a) give the Commission notice that effective March 14, 2014, AT&T South Carolina will increase prices for its stand-alone basic residential lines that remain subject to the inflation-based price index set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576(C)(2); and (b) demonstrate AT&T South Carolina's compliance with that index.

AT&T South Carolina "may increase its rates for [these lines] on an annual basis by a percentage that does not exceed the percentage increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index, as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics." *See* S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-576(C)(2). Attachment A to this letter reflects a 1.27% increase in the GDP-PI from the third quarter 2012 (105.345) to the third quarter 2013 (106.685).

Attachment B to this letter reflects AT&T South Carolina's current prices for these lines in each rate group and the new prices AT&T South Carolina will begin charging for these services in each rate group on March 14, 2014. In each instance, the new rate is no more than 1.27% higher than the current rate.

Yours very truly,

**Executive Director** 

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CC: Stephen Williamson, SC Office of Regulatory Staff

See AT&T South Carolina's September 25, 2009 Letter Submitting Tariff Revisions (stating that on a going-forward basis, AT&T South Carolina will make appropriate filings with the Commission, with copies to the ORS, to give notice of such increases and to demonstrate compliance with this statutory provision).

# **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Bureau of Economic Analysis**

### **Table 1.1.4. Price Indexes for Gross Domestic Product**

[Index numbers, 2009=100] Seasonally adjusted

Last Revised on: December 20, 2013 - Next Release Date January 30, 2014

Line		2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012
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1	Gross domestic product	102.354	103.024	103.651	103.782	104 296	104 751	105.345	
2	Personal consumption expenditures	102.996	103.938	104.529	104 880	105 471	105.750	106.193	105.040
3	Goods	103.804	105.395	106.068	106 112:	106.681	106.366		106.900
4	Durable goods			97.797	97.248	97.087	96.791	96.246	95.746
5	Nondurable goods			110.138:			111.127	111.964	112.522
6	Services	102.596	103.217	103.768	104 271	104.872	105.450		106 493
7	Gross private domestic investment	99.869	100.300	100.559	100.727	101.085	101.490	103.737	100.493
8	Fixed investment	99.922	100.463	100 730	100.911	101.000	101.670	102.045	
9	Nonresidential	99.875	100.456	100.734	100.990	101.506.	101.077	102.157	102.360
10	Structures	100.347	101 375	102.293	102 975	103.206	101.077	102.157	104.164
11	Equipment	98.464	98.874		99.317				104.104
12	Intellectual property products	101.354	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	102.029					100.073
13	Residential	100.108	100 461	100.489	100.500	100.300	100.664	101.505	103.323
14	Change in private inventories				100.507	100.515	100.004	101.505	102.500
15	Net exports of goods and services						:		
16	Exports	109.444	111 659	112 293		111 055	112 127	112.114	112 542
17	Goods		113.761	114 294	112 786	113.462	112.127	113.414	112.343
18	Services	105.586	107.051	107 900	107.618	108.667	100 313	109.293	100.074
19	Imports	111.811	115 233.	115 132	114 915	116 117	115.039	113.570	114.725
20	Goods	113.301	117 215	117 137	117.059	118 420	117.094	115.316	114.722
21	Services	105 150	106 304	106 127	105 270	105 670	105 823	105.740	106.392
22	Government consumption expenditures and gross investment	104.579	105.634	106.078	105.210	106.607	105.025	105.740	100.330
23	Federal	104 499	105 483	105.835	105.560	105.050	106.771	106.224	107.209
24	National defense	104 346	105.416	105.833	105.3007	105.939	106.182	106.224	100.370
25	Nondefense	104 779	105.410	106.040	105.263	105.914	100.229	106.065	100.342
26	State and local	104 633	105.008	106.049	106.001	107.031	100.112	100.065	100.081
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Line		2013	2013	2013
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1	Gross domestic product	105,994	106.165	106.685
2	Personal consumption expenditures	106.909	106.878	107.387
3	Goods	106.641	105.740	106.326
4	Durable goods	95.487	95.016	94.456
5	Nondurable goods	112.264	111.126	112.362
6	Services	107.060	107.477	107.946
/	Gross private domestic investment	102.726	103.206	103.641
8	Fixed investment	102.967	103.478	103.982
10	Nonresidential	102.692	103.008	103.303
11	Structures	105.189	106.521	107.347
11	Equipment	100.601	100.500	100.578
12	Intellectual property products Residential	103.816	104.071	104.322
14		104.088	105.396	106.739
	Change in private inventories			
16	Net exports of goods and services Exports	;		
17	Goods	112.944	112.034	112.303
18	Services	114.060	112.771	112.921
19	Imports	110.531	110.451	110.981
20	Goods	114.873	113.411	113.480
21	Services	116.779	115.028	115.140
		106.309	106.165	106.033
23	Government consumption expenditures and gross investment Federal	107.454	107.485	107.916
24	National defense	107.007	107.229	107.504
25	Nondefense	107.283	107.512	107.784
26	State and local	106.549	106.760	107.040
20	State and recal	107.775	107.676	108.213

## **ATTACHMENT B**

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#### A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

#### A3.1 General

- A. Basic local exchange service is comprised of exchange access lines defined as follows:
  - Exchange Access Line The serving central office line equipment and all Company plant facilities up to the demarcation point. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the guidebook specified use offering selected by the customer.
- B. Exchange access lines are subject to the nonrecurring charges specified in Section A4.
- C. Rates for basic local exchange service are related to the total number of exchange access lines and PBX trunks in the local calling area.
- D. Customers subscribing to a total of 1000 or more PBX trunks or Network Access Registers (NARs), aggregated on a statewide basis, will receive a ten percent discount on the monthly recurring rates for these services and on any billed local usage associated with these PBX trunks or NARs. Service furnished under the Sharing and Resale of Basic Local Exchange Service offering will be excluded. Customer accounts will be reviewed annually to determine eligibility for the discount.
- E. Base Rate Areas, Zone Rate Areas and Exchange Service Areas for each exchange are identified on maps issued as a supplement to this Guidebook.
- F. Rate Group Definition

Group	<b>Exchange Access Lines and PBX Trunks Upper Limits</b>					
1	7,000					
2	15,000					
3	28,500					
4	50,000					
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6	125,000					
7	Unlimited					

#### A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedules

#### A3.2.1 Flat Rate Service

- A. Basic Flat Rate Service
  - 1. The following statewide schedule of rates is applicable to basic flat rate exchange access line service. The rates specified herein, with zone charges when applicable to service furnished outside the base rate area of an exchange, entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages to all exchange access lines bearing the designations of central offices within the serving exchange and basic service area additional exchanges listed in A3.4, Local Calling Areas.
  - 2. Monthly Rates By Rate Group
    - a. Residence Individual Lines
      - (1) Rate Groups 1 4

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(a) Per line (2) Rate Groups 5 - 7	1 2 3 4 \$13.83 \$14.33 \$14.82 \$15.31	USOC 1FR	(1)			
(2) Nate Groups 3 - 1	Group					
(a) Per line	5 \$15.81	6 \$16.29	7 \$16.79		USOC 1FR	(1)

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	1	2	3	4	USOC	
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(2) Rate Groups 5 - 7						, ,
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	5	6	7		USOC	
(a) Per line	\$16.01	\$16.49	\$17.00		1FR	(I)